

## PLAYS AND THE PLAYERS.

Realism on the French Stage Reaches a Startling Point.

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It is said that the novel by Mrs. Lynn-Lyon entitled "The World Well Lost" has been dramatized in England by Bernard Trallie. It has been arranged in four acts, and entitled "Honour and Duty."

"The Middleman," Henry Arthur Jones' play, in which E. S. Willard is now appearing at Palmer's Theatre, has been translated into French and is to be produced at the Théâtre des Variétés. The author of "The Middleman" was invited to appear at the first production. Mr. Willard will produce "Jubal" at Palmer next Friday week. The play will run until January 1st. The author of "The Middleman," it is said, has been a little afraid of it for American audiences. Miss Marie Burroughs will probably play the leading part, though the author has given his reasons to the effect that Miss Edga Brandon would come from England to take care of the rôle.

Miss Sophie Lingard, now playing in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" at the Adelphi Theatre, will leave England. She is engaged to appear at the Adelphi Theatre. Miss Lingard has spent a great deal of time in England.

A curiously dressed individual attracted attention at the opening of the new season at the Royal Opera House with a bang. It appears that he was an Anglo-Swedish lumberman from Minnesota, who has come to town to play in "Yon-Yon-Ra" in Pittsburgh next Monday. His costume and his general make-up will be copied by the "supes" in the produc-

tions of "The Middleman" the management of which is at Milwaukee.

Outside of Herrmann's Theatre, on Broadway, a well-known Stroopka is displayed in the shape of a well-known baseball player. A mark. In the present time of year it looks like a Christmas present intended "for a good girl."

Miss Eastlake hasn't burst forth as a star yet, but the fact is that she is to produce her play, "A Yorkshire Lass," written by Wilson Jones, and will be produced at the Lyric Theatre. Miss Eastlake has a good name in Wilson Barrett's company will probably be filled by Miss Whifield Ebury.

Fay Hugh of the Barry and Fay organization has been acting for a long time. Mr. E. J. is very nervous about himself, and is described as a crank on the subject of consumption. He determined to have himself hospitalized with Dr. W. H. Thompson at the Hospital of St. Luke's Hospital. He was examined, and the doctors refused to inoculate him, stating that he was too suffering from tuberculosis, than from pleurisy. The diagnosis was "No. Fay to rest and to wander about among the mountains. The probabilities, therefore, are that Fay will not again act for a long time."

Members of Miss Kate Putnam's company have arrived in the city. Miss Putnam having closed her season temporarily. It is said that she will resume again some time with another company. Her last production, "It Was a Dishonored Name," which she had in Wilson Barrett's company will probably be filled by Miss Whifield Ebury.

No Dull Times Yet.

The prognostications of bad business may come true later, but just before Christmas everything, at least in the retail way, is booming.

The great Cowperthwait furniture, carpet and rug manufacturing firm, Nos. 102 to 106 Park Row, near Chatham Square, are getting their full share of the trade.

This house endeavors to supply the needs of the whole community and keeps an endless stock of the finest furniture, rugs, carpets, and everything else in astonishing variety. \*

Wanted to Have It Right.

Steely-Autor You stated in your paper yesterday that the great tragedian, Mr. S. S. Kurski, had just returned from a successful tour of the United States.

Actor-Yes, I believe we did. Was there anything wrong about it?

Actor-Yes, and I wish you'd correct it. The word "starling" should have been "starving."

The Brute.

Steely-Autor You learned how to cook when I was in boarding school.

Actor-And when did you forget?

A Proposition.

Steely-Autor He-Tats is a lovely afternoon. Let's do something right. What do you propose?

Actor-Let's get married.

Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP reduces inflammation while children are teething. 25¢.

## AFTER MANY YEARS.

The Story of One Man's Love and a Woman's Deceit.

Ten years ago to-day the light of love and, given the power to love deeply more than we were out of my heart. Each succeeding anniversary brings no abatement, but rather an increase of the pain and sorrow I bear so silently within my soul.

In all those long years, no gleam of sun has for an instant brightened my life. The world, which calls me insatiate, casts the armor of pride that shields me in its sting, and in my heart still rages conflict of the good and evil powers, never lived but once; I could not, for in opened the chambers of my heart, enthroned therein the object of my love, it was for a lifetime. I do not think that those happy men to whom it is

intense and magnetic that I would gaze into them for hours, and live a life apart from earth. In conversation, she was at times sparkling, and with an insight into the heart of man that betrayed a mind of power and originality.

The one passion of her life was music.

Endowed with a voice not remarkable for its power, but only for its magnetism and sympathetic qualities, she would move to tears any being with a soul; and herself often melt into a flood of tears, caused by an enjoyment so perfect and ecstatic as to be almost painful. Her piano was her refuge for the relief of her emotions, and one who knew the workings of her heart could read the thoughts that were oppressing her in the notes that came almost like a human voice from under her hands.

I was a frequent visitor at her father's house, and it was but a few months ere I knew that I loved that woman better, far better, than myself.

One morning, in a large assemblage of people, at a reception, I chanced to turn and see at a distance Grace leaning on the arm of a gentleman, who seemed to be perfectly oblivious of the fact that many people were watching the evident fascination with which she exercised over him. A quick

## IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS.

The Gratifying Awakening of the Seawanhaka Boat Club.

Possibility of a Detroit-St. Louis Indoor Baseball Series.

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Edward F. Gurn, of the Virginia Democratic, is one of the star bowlers of the Chestnut Hill, a member of the Seawanhaka Boat Club since that organization concluded not to associate with the Brooklyn Athletic Club. In fact, that was a turning point in the history of the Club. Men who had taken little or no interest in the organization for some years past, further than to mail a check once a year for their dues, have started themselves up to realize the fact that they have been slumbering long enough, and that all that is necessary is a little more attention on their part to make their clubs one of the most interesting of its kind. With no place of meeting but the boat-house on the river from the members of the Club, who had to go to the Seawanhaka Boat Club, which has been in existence since 1868, began to get widely separated and would seldom see each other, unless at a Sunday or a warm Summer evening. 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